No specific principles have been laid down for the purpose.

(b) The purpose is to keep the Government informed of the develoments in the prices of non-scheduled drugs.

(c) The extent of increase in prices of non-scheduled bulk drugs varies from case to case.

(d) and (e) The manufacturers of non-scheduled drugs are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(f) A provision has been made in the DPCO, 1987 to empower the Government to bring any price decontrolled drug under price control should it be considered necessary to do so.

Public sector undertakings' loans

3474. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to write off loans of Public Sector Undertaings to the tune of Rs. 219 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Information is not readily available. The same will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Sales turnover of Orciprenaline Sulphate

3475. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1892 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1980 and State:

(a) what are the names of producers of Orciprenaline Sulphate and what was the production of each during the last three years year-wise;

(b) what was the sales turn-over of this drug during the last two years, yearwise as per ORG;

(c) what was the market share of Alupent Tablets as per ORG and what was the market share taken by the Kelkar Committee; and

(d) what is the composition of Alupent Tablets?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Production and sales turn-over of Orciprenaline Sulphate is not monitored.

(d) Alupent Tablete contain Orciprenaline Sulphate.

Utilising the unintended benefits

3476. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer Unstarred Question 3174 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the provision of DPCO, 1987 under which the amount recovered from companies due to overcharging will be spent;

(b) for what purposes the amount recovered so far has been spent alongwith details of each;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken legal opinion from the Law Ministry before utilising the amount for some other purpose than mentioned in DPCO, 1987; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (c) and (d) The provisons relating to the power to recover dues accrued under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 into the drug prices equalisation account and the power to recover dues are contained in paras 14 and 15 of the Drugs (Prices Con-

trol) Order, 1907, the copies of which were laid on the floor of the House. The order was promulgated after vetting by the Ministry of Law.

(b) The amount was spent in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987.

Confirmation of AEES in DOT

3477. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 temporary post of Assistant Executive Engineers (Civil) in DOT have been made permanent during the years 1979-81;

(b) whether all the officers eligible for confirmation against these posts have been confirmed so far; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and the probable date by which the confirmation shall be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Not so far.

(c) The completion of all prescribed procedural formalities took sometime and now the case is being finalised shortly.

Setting up of carbon fibre manufacturing plant

3478. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Ltd. has a proposal to set up a Carbon fibre manufacturing plant in collaboration with a UK-based plastic Company; and

(b) what are the details thereof indicating the name of the UK based plastic company and the site selected for the purpose and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) propose to set up the Research and Development Pilot Plant and Associated Product Applications Development facilities for Carbon Fibre based on know-how from M|s R. K. Textiles & Composite Fibres Ltd., UK at its Baroda Complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 31 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 13.23 crores.

Retrenchment in NPCC

3479. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while on the one hand over a thousand workers have been declared surplus in NPCC and retrenchment orders of about 500 workers have been issued, on the other hand recruitment to accepted the offer have been absorbed various categories of staff is also taking place there; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the number of persons who have since been retrenched| declared surplus and the manner in which they are proposed to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Owing to closure/tapering of various works and after taking into consideration its manpower requirements, about 1050 workmen are estimated to be surplus by the NPCC. The NPCC offered alternate employment in the security discipline to 570 workers. About 70 workmen who accepted the offer have been absorbed in the Corporation. The remaining 500 workmen have been retrenched after payment of their arrears of pay, retrenchment compensation, gratuity,